PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT IN CASE OF REMOVAL, DEATH, OR RESIGNATION.

APRIL 21, 1884.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Law Respecting the Election of President and Vice-President, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 22.]

The Committee on Law Respecting the Election of President and Vice-President, to whom was referred the bill (S. 22) to provide for the performance of the duties of the office of President in case of the removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the President and Vice-President, respectfully report:

Your committee unanimously favor the main feature of the Senate bill, which transfers the powers now given by law to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the members of the Cabinet in the event of the death, resignation, or disability of both the President and Vice-President.

Your committee were also unanimously of the opinion that to perfect the bill certain amendments were necessary, definitely determining the length of time under which the successor of a President and Vice-President should act as President for the unexpired term, and also to determine the mode of procedure in the election of President and Vice-President when the position of the acting President was merely temporary.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the amendments suggested and the passage of the bill, believing it to be a wise measure, which, under certain circumstances, would aid in the preserva-

tion of order and the maintenance of our institutions.